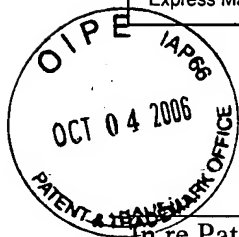


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and includes replacement sheets attached hereto as Appendix A.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.